

VERMONT TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 6, 2020

Board Members Present:

David Coen, term expires 2/28/21
Richard Bailey, term expires 2/28/21 (by phone)
James Fitzgerald, term expires 2/28/21 (by phone)
Wendy Harrison, term expires 2/28/22 (by phone)
Pam Loranger, term expires 2/28/22
Philip Zalinger, term expires 2/28/22 (by phone)

Board Members Absent:

Tim Hayward, term expires 2/28/2020

Others Present:

Ron Shems, Board Attorney (by phone)
John Zicconi, Board Executive Secretary

Call to Order:

Chair David Coen called the Thursday, February 6, 2019 meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., which was held at the Shelburne Town Office Building at 5420 Shelburne Road in Shelburne, VT.

1. NEW BUSINESS

1.1 Review/Approve Minutes of the November 13, 2019 Board meeting.

On a motion by Ms. Loranger seconded by Mr. Bailey, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2019, Board meeting with corrections.

1.2 TB-512 Major Ira Day road Naming Petition

Mr. Zicconi proposed that the required public hearing in this case be held in Brookfield as part of the section of Route 14 requesting to be named the “Major Ira Day Memorial Highway” runs through Brookfield. The Board agreed. Mr. Coen asked for a volunteer to act as hearing officer at the public hearing. Both Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Zalinger volunteered. Mr. Zalinger, who lives closest to the roadway, said he was familiar with the segment proposed to be named. Mr. Fitzgerald agreed Mr. Zalinger would make a good hearing officer.

On a motion by Ms. Loranger seconded by Ms. Harrison, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Zalinger hearing officer for the public hearing in TB-512.

1.3 Meeting with Secretary Flynn -- Update.

Mr. Coen, Mr. Zicconi and Ms. Harrison recently met with Secretary Flynn. At the meeting, the group discussed how the Agency could involve members of the T-Board in future public hearings regarding Transportation issues, not as a participant but as active listeners. He said the group agreed that Mr.

Zicconi would work with the Secretary's office to obtain a schedule of upcoming public meetings so that Board members could attend if they wish. Ms. Harrison mentioned that VTrans is reassessing how it prioritizes projects and asked that she be made aware of any such public meetings.

Mr. Coen told the Board that VTrans budgeting staff, at the urging of the T-Board, asked to place establishment of a \$2,000 helipad permitting fee in this year's Transportation Bill before the Legislature. Secretary Flynn told the group that he, however, at the behest of the Governor could not support such a request at this time. As a result, no such request will be included in the Transportation Bill.

1.4 RLA Working Group – Review Proposal

Mr. Zicconi said the working group, for which Ms. Harrison is chair, recently met for the first time and drafted a communication it proposes that the T-Board adopt. While the group originally discussed drafting both a model ordinance as well as model zoning regulations as not all municipalities have zoning, the group ultimately decided to simply put educational material together outlining the various methods municipalities could use to draft their own zoning regulations and ordinances. This material was shared with the Board for discussion.

On a motion by Ms. Loranger seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, the Board unanimously voted to adopt and distribute the materials drafted by the RLA Working Group.

1.5 Executive Secretary's Report

Mr. Zicconi informed the Board that the number of new incoming cases has slowed. The Board's workload historically fluctuates, but the Board has not seen this slow a period since 2014 when it only had to meet five times that year. The Board generally meets twice that often. Mr. Zicconi also said he received a phone call providing him a heads up that a petition is circulating to request that the Board name the terminal at the Rutland Southern Vermont State Airport after Former VTrans Head of Aviation Walter Houghton. No such request has officially yet been filed.

On a motion by Mr. Hayward seconded by Ms. Loranger, the Board unanimously voted to dismiss TB-494, TB-489, TB-485 and TB-495.

1.6 April Meeting Date

The Board chose April 16, 2020 as its next meeting date.

2. OLD BUSINESS

2.1 TB-493 Mead Small Claim – Possible Deliberation

At 10:38 a.m. the Board on a motion by Ms. Loranger, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald and approved unanimously entered into deliberative session, pursuant to Title 1 § 313, to discuss TB-493 Mead Small Claim.

Mr. Zicconi was invited to join the deliberative session.

The Board exited deliberative session at 10:46 p.m.

2.2 TB-504 Morale Just Compensation – Possible Deliberative Session

At 9:35 a.m. the Board on a motion by Ms. Loranger, seconded by Mr. Bailey and approved unanimously entered into deliberative session, pursuant to Title 1 § 313, to discuss TB-504 Morale Just Compensation.

Mr. Zicconi and Mr. Shems were invited to join the deliberative session.

The Board exited deliberative session at 9:57 a.m.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 Round Table

No one had any issues to discuss

4. ADJOURN

On a motion by Fitzgerald seconded by Ms. Loranger, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 10:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Zicconi
Executive Secretary

Next Board Meeting: April 16, 2020